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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ZHANG ET AL.

Examiner

Robert B Mondesi

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2-8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 9-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☒ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's election of Invention Group I, **Claims 1-2 and 9-10**, in response to restriction requirement mailed March 11, 2004 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claim 11 has been added. **Claims 1-11** are pending in this application. **Claims 3-8** are withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner because these Claims are drawn to non-elected inventions. **Claims 1-2 and 9-11** are currently under examination.

Priority

The current application filed on July 21, 2003 is a CON of PCT/CN/00032 filed on January 21, 2001, which in turn claims priority to a foreign application, China CN01105283.X filed on January 22, 2001. A certified translation of foreign document CN01105283.X has not been provided.

Information Disclosure Statement

The IDS filed July 21, 2003 has been received and is signed and considered, a copy of the IDS is attached to the following document.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In **claim 9** the phrase "safe and efficient amount" is indefinite because the applicant has not defined in the claims or the specification the amount of the polypeptide and pharmaceutically accepted carrier that is considered to be safe and efficient.

In **claim 10** the phrase "antimicrobially efficient amount" is indefinite because the applicant has not defined in the claims or the specification the amount of the mentioned polypeptide that is considered to be efficient.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Li et al. (NCBI Sequence Submissions, Accession Number AAL55637 and AAF217089). Li et al. disclose an amino acid sequence that is 100% identical to amino acid sequence designated by SEQ ID NO: 2 (**present claims 1-2 and 9-10**) (NCBI Sequence Submission, Accession Number AAL55637), encoded by the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 (NCBI Sequence Submission, Accession Number

AAF217089) (**present claim 11**). Thus Li et al. teach all the elements of **claims 1-2 and 9-11** and these claims are anticipated under 35 USC 102(b).


Conclusion

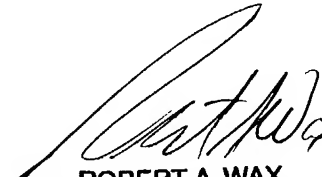
No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert B Mondesi whose telephone number is 571-272-0956. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low can be reached on 571-272-0951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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